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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT IN EXILE

1. MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR DRISS BENNOUNA CAME TO SEE ME JULY 18 TO DISCUSS URGENT MATTER. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH NUMBER SENIOR PALESTINIANS IN BEIRUT AND DISCUSSED WITH THEM QUESTION OF PALESTINIAN STANCE WHICH APPEARED NEGATIVE TO REST OF WORLD. PALESTINIANS HAD SAID THAT IN ABSENCE OF SOMETHING CONCRETE WHICH WOULD WARRANT CHANGING THEIR POLICY THEY WERE GOING TO CONTINUE FOLLOW SAME LINE IN THEIR PUBLIC DECLARATIONS. ONCE THEY HAD SOMETHING CONCRETE TO CONSIDER, THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO CHANGE THEIR POSITIONS IF THEY THOUGHT THEY WOULD BENEFIT FROM DOING SO.

2. BENNOUNA HAD ASKED THEM HOW THEY FELT ABOUT IDEA OF ESTABLISHING GOVERNMENT IN EXILE. PALESTINIANS HAD RESPONDED THAT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO DO SO ONLY IF THEY HAD INDICATION THIS IS SOMETHING WHICH WOULD FACILITATE PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS ATTITUDE OF UNITED STATES. WOULD UNITED STATES BE PREPARED TO DEAL WITH THEM IF THEY DID SO? WOULD IT
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SECURE THEM INVITATION TO GENEVA? WOULD IT PERMIT THEM TO DEAL WITH THE ISRAELIS? BENNOUNA SAID HE HAD TOLD THEM HE WOULD REFER THESE QUESTIONS TO ME. HE WAS NOT ACTING AS INTERMEDIARY, BUT SIMPLY INFORMING US OF PALESTINIAN ATTITUDES.

3. I SAID I DID NOT KNOW THE ANSWERS, BUT WOULD REPORT

OUR CONVERSATION.

4. COMMENT: I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THIS IS A SERIOUS
APPROACH OR WHETHER BENNOUNA IS SIMPLY TRYING TO FLOAT
AN IDEA. IN EITHER EVENT, NEED GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT TO
REPLY, IF ANYTHING.
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